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Summer campaign participation increases

Interest for international mission trips on the rise after last year's events caused slide

KIRA LEIGH
Staff writer

After a summer of low participation, the number of students planning to spend their summers overseas as part of an international campaign has skyrocketed.

The increase comes after only 125 students participated last summer in the campaign program administered by the Campus Ministry and the College church of Christ. The low numbers were attributed to the events of Sept. 11, 2001. Currently, more than 140 students are signed up to participate.

"We are really excited about the increase," Campus Minister Dwight Smith said. "We have some teams that are already full, and things are really going good."

Dr. Fred Jewell, professor of history and chair of the missions committee at the College church of Christ, believes that the increase is a positive step to recovery.

"We are very encouraged with the level of participation," Jewell said. "We understand what happened last year, but we are glad that things are looking up."

Campaign organizers attribute last year's decrease to parental concerns about safety after Sept. 11.

"I think the participation problem was not with the students, but more with the parents of students," Jewell said. "We respect that concern, but I think that in hindsight, they are seeing that it might have been better to let them go."



CHRISSEY INGRAM / The Bison
Prospective campaigners listen to announcements during a campaign meeting Wednesday. More than 140 students have signed up for summer campaigns.

Jewell believes the current uncertainty around the world can be seen as an opportunity for campaigns to succeed.

"There is not only a greater need, but a greater opportunity," Jewell said. "When there is great uncertainty, people will be potentially more open. There are windows of opportunity for missions, and [international campaigns] can capitalize on those opportunities."

Although some campaigns are full, the international campaigns office is still accepting applications. Some campaign teams, including those to Australia, Finland and Germany / Switzerland, are still in need of members.

Smith believes this year's increase can also be attributed to the campaigners themselves.

"Students are recruiting stu-

dents," Smith said. "Everyone is working to make all of this happen."

Last year, the number of campaign teams was reduced because of the lack of participation. Many of those campaigns have returned to accommodate the increase in students interested in international summer mission work.

"The number of campaigns that went out dropped by half last year," Barby Smith said. "Hopefully we're adding three campaigns we haven't had before. Two of which could go to the Bahamas and Albania. We currently have 19 campaigns going to 17 different countries."

International campaign leaders said they are thankful for the program's growth.

"We are thankful to God," Dwight Smith said. "It's God's doing, he is in control. We are very blessed."

Expectations exceeded:

Enrollment up again; HU one of nation's largest church of Christ affiliated schools

MATT PRICE
Staff writer

Harding's fall enrollment recorded an increase of more than 260 students this year, bringing the total number of students to 5,276. This figure is a 5.2% increase from last year's total of 5,013.

According to enrollment figures provided by eight church of Christ affiliated schools at the counselors conference at Ohio Valley College Sept. 13, Harding recorded the highest total enrollment numbers for the second consecutive year.

This year, Harding has students from 49 states and 45 foreign countries.

President David Burks said the increase in students was higher than anticipated with the current economic situation.

"We are encouraged by the number of people who wanted a quality Christian education," Burks said. "It allows us to affect the lives of more students and allow more people to become a part of the Harding experience."

A record number of freshmen and a large increase in the number of students in graduate programs contributed to this year's increase.

The total number of freshmen is 1,066, an increase of 28 students from 2001.

According to administrators, Harding has a goal of increasing its undergraduate enrollment by 2.5 to 3 percent each year. For the past three years, this policy has attributed to record numbers of freshmen. The admissions office is responsible for adhering to this policy.

"Our goal is to do our part with each freshmen class. If each class is growing, then [the university] will be able to reach their overall goal," Mike Williams, assistant vice president of admissions, said. "Harding is a thriving institution; it seems to be the school of church of Christ kids."

Williams said the reason for the increase can be attributed to Harding students.

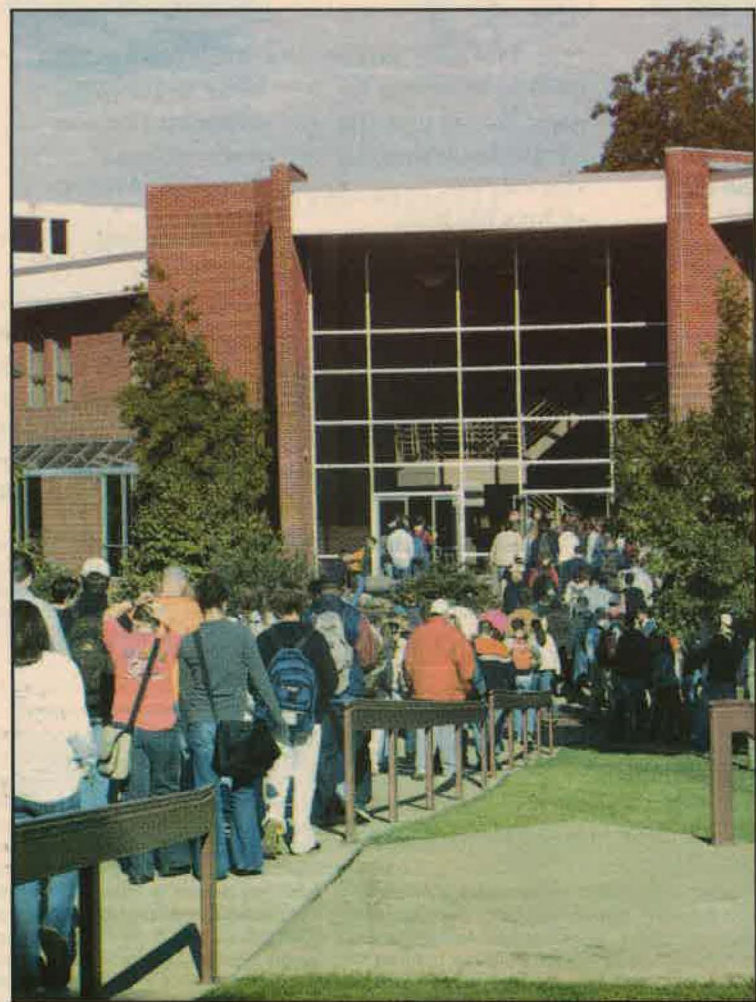
"Harding's student body is second to none," Williams said. "It's the secret to our success."

The graduate program had an increase of 166 students from last year's total. The growth can be attributed to satellite schools such as the Graduate School of Religion in Memphis and the Harding Professional Center in Little Rock.

The Harding Professional Center opened its doors in the spring of 2001 and is an extension of the Graduate School of Education.

Harding Professional Center director Connie Elrod said there was a great need for a graduate program in Central Arkansas. The professional center increased its student

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CHRISSEY INGRAM / The Bison
Hundreds of students file into the student center following chapel in the Benson Auditorium. Two simultaneous chapel services is one of the effects that increasing enrollment has had on campus.

Manliness characterized by more than a rough exterior

There's something to be said for a guy who carries around knives that can shave the electrons off of an atom.

Usually, that something is "deranged" or "potentially hazardous" or "doesn't play well with others" or something along those lines.

Whatever you choose to say about that guy, the something I choose to say is that he's manly.

There's just something about a guy who has hot sauce in every room of his house. I'm not making this one up. This is my house. If you're ever in Bon Aqua, Tenn., come over and take the tour. I kid you not; we are a cayenne-friendly family.

What is it about giving yourself ulcers and burning four layers of taste buds off your tongue that just screams, "I've got so much testosterone I don't know what to do with it?" I don't know, but I can sure tell you that hot sauce really does go on everything except dessert and cereal.

(However, Kellogg's and the McIlhenny

Aaron Rushton

Guest Room



Company are teaming up next spring to bring us a new "Tabascoberry" Froot Loop. Not to be outdone, Post Cereal Company is introducing its own line of "One Drop Does It" Louisiana Hot Sauce Pebbles, with a massive promotional campaign involving the Flintstones and a volcano.)

So what constitutes "manliness?" Where exactly is that oh-so-elusive line between "manly" and "really stupid?" What do you have to do to be able to call Mexican bull fighters sissies just because of their flashy clothes?

If you call the pepperoncini from Pizza Pro "breath mints," then you, my friend, are

manly. If your favorite phrase in the English language is "all you can eat," and the only French word you know is "buffet," then you've got manliness oozing from every pore. If you can walk off a gunshot wound, without crying, you're well on your way to standing tall and proud among the ranks of Mandom's Hall of Fame.

If you've ever fantasized killing a deer with your bare hands... If your idea of fishing is swimming with a buck knife in your teeth... If you want your epitaph to list every animal you've ever killed...

If you often fantasize more heroic ways to die... If you find inner peace by aligning the bubble on a level... If you plan to name your firstborn child after a power tool... If your idea of camping is three months in the wilderness with a tarp and a packet of salt... If most of your communication is in grunts and gestures... You just might have what it takes to brace yourself like a man.

But on a deeper level, those of us who have been given the charge of being God's

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men have to live up to a higher level of manliness. We are called to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters in Christ.

Protect all women and children, regardless of any harm that may befall you. Be kind to strangers. Don't be a jerk. Do what you can each day to make somebody else's life a little bit better. Commit a random act of niceness. Pray. Live your life as a worshipful sacrifice to God.

Make God the single most important aspect of your life. Then, and only then, will you be able to gird yourself as a man and answer the questions of the Most Holy Lord God of Heaven and Earth.

And thank God every day that all it took was a rib to make our better halves.

Heaven sent: Major League Baseball's bottom feeders fight for the top after winning a big series for the little guys



Jeremy D. Beauchamp

The View From Here

It was kinda like David and Goliath or the tortoise and hare. Maybe like "Shakespeare In Love" and "Saving Private Ryan." Whichever analogy you prefer, the Anaheim Angels are no longer the doormat, no names of the junior circuit—they are the Yankee killers.

The Angels, playoff dormant since 1986, have seen a lot of changes in their organization since the last time they played into November. These include two stadium name changes, three color/logo changes and an ownership change. Fans flap rally monkeys instead of wings in cheesy Disney movies. Since their inaugural year in 1967, the Angels have claimed Los Angeles, California and Anaheim and only one legitimate shot at the World Series—a 1986 dismantling that may have resulted in the suicide of losing pitcher Donnie Moore, who surrendered a two-run home run to Boston's Dave Henderson in the ninth.

The Angels have ever since been a terrible baseball team. My high school team could have challenged them and we were usually found lacking in the wins column.

But now they've beaten the perennial league superpower like so many stinky, rotten eggs. Picture the country of Luxembourg

having a hand with four fingers and a thumb and underneath that thumb on the hand of Luxembourg is a country similar in power to the United States with a beet-red face and a still-sore bottom. Still, you can only get a small picture of the Angels' monster upstaging of the team that is ruining baseball.

Okay, that may or may not be excessive, but the point is hard to miss: the underdog won.

But don't give the Angels respect just yet. They don't really want it and you wouldn't want to mess up their chi. Because now you like the Angels. Let me tell you why this is true: they don't have anyone you've ever really heard of (unless you are a baseball fan). Numerous columns have been written on "the team with heart."

Stories on David Eckstein, their shortstop who's small in stature but big on pluck; their Nebraska punter-turned-centerfielder Darin Erstad, who has the work ethic of an entire colony of ants and threatened to hit for .400 in 2000.

Trouble is, if you don't have a strong history and you play on the West Coast, East Coast fans are going to shut off their televisions before games are finished and be a day late on stats because games aren't completed in time to meet most newspaper deadlines.

All of this has led to a Disney-sized chip on the shoulders of the Angels, who love that they have something to prove.

It's the underdog syndrome, and we have a special place in our heart for its sufferers.

But a problem for the Angels is that their opponent may have a similar claim.

The Twins, perhaps America's favorite team this year, dethroned the Oakland Ath-

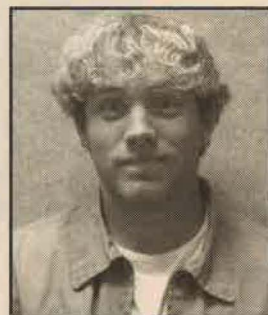
letics (of 20-game win fame) for the right to play the Yankee—oh, that's right—the Angels for the American League championship. The Twins earned our respect this season after "the man" came down on them and tried to contract the former world champs. They've been league pond scum for the past decade and fan numbers have dropped like routine fly balls on a Yankee infield. They also have been infected with underdog syndrome.

So who do you cheer for? The plucky, Disney-owned dynamos with wings and a rally monkey, or the once-doomed dome doggies from up north?

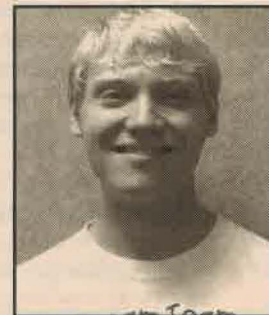
One thing is certain. Fans of either team will be whispering "Ru-dy, Ru-dy," under their breath as America gets used to the idea of a joyfully Yankee-less World Series.

May the best team win, as long as it's the Angels, whose coaching staff is made up of former Dodger world champs. Go blue!

Speak out: Should the U.S. go to war with Iraq?



"Yes. We should have ended [the Iraq conflict] a long time ago. We need to take Saddam Hussein out."
—Josiah Smelser, sophomore



"No. The only reason George W. wants to go to war is to settle a fight his father started."
—Chris Morton, sophomore



"I just wish everybody could [live] in peace and be nice to one another."
—Heather Miller, junior

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Enrollment increase no problem, according to Burks

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total to 50 for 2002. Elrod says 90 percent of its students are not Harding graduates.

"[The professional center] is a great mission field, but a majority of our students are Christians," Elrod said.

Despite yearly growth, Burks believes Harding has been able to balance the number of students with the availability of faculty members and facilities. Burks said

"As we have grown we have added faculty members, class size has not grown," Burks said. "The quality and mission [of Harding] is ever bit as strong today as it was ten years ago. We want to provide the experience as long as we can still adhere to the mission."

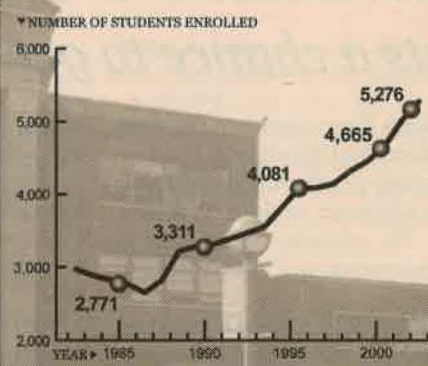
Students find positive aspects to the university's growth.

"It's good as long as it doesn't compromise the quality of education and Christian experience," junior Clay Waliski said.

Enrollment Figures

(Right) Harding has experienced increased enrollment every year since 1987.

(Bottom) Fall enrollment numbers as reported by eight church of Christ affiliated schools at the Sept. 13 admissions counselors' conference.



EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION

Abilene Christian University	4,677
David Lipscomb University	2,585
Freed-Hardeman University	1,927
Harding University	5,276
Lubbock Christian University	1,851
Ohio Valley College	512
Rochester College	523
York College	462

NUMBER OF STUDENTS

Source: Individual institutions; Harding admissions office

JEFFREY HUNTER / The Bison



Special to The Bison

Repelling is a common weekend activity for some students. The Student Association hopes interest groups will help students find others with similar passions.

Students Association hopes interest will increase in special interest groups

ANDREA MARTIN
Contributor

In the 1960s, the Beatles urged us to "come together right now."

In keeping with this idea, Student Association President Zac Lambrecht launched a new program this year — special interest groups.

"The idea behind [special interest groups] is to get people together with the same interest that don't know each other," Lambrecht said.

The SA sponsors the program; however, students must begin the group process on their own.

"Students form their own interest group and come to the SA office with a paper that has eight signatures on it, then the SA starts it for them," Lambrecht said.

The SA staff, after receiving a completed sheet, posts the group, names and phone numbers of those involved on a bulletin board outside of the SA office.

These posted sheets allow other students with common interests to be brought together, Lambrecht said.

"There are already some interest groups that have been formed including: mountain biking, fishing, philosophy and Scrabble," Lambrecht said.

These lists have yet to be posted on the SA board due to a lack of participation.

"We are waiting to get more groups," Lambrecht said.

The postponement of the start of the special interest groups has not shaken the confidence of those supporting it.

"If the SA stresses it, there is no reason it shouldn't succeed," junior Chris Holman, member of the mountain biking interest group, said.

Senior Jordan Hix, chair of the special interest groups committee, believes the program will be successful.

"Success is not just going to happen all at once," Hix said. "It will gain momentum."

Some students believe the special interest groups may be few in number because a lack of awareness or misunderstanding.

The groups' supporters said that finding people with unconventional interests may be made easier with special interest groups.

"The groups seem to be more helpful in finding obscure interests," sophomore Geoff Banks said. "There are already programs set up for more conventional interests like basketball."

While participation in the special interest groups has not yet been what planners had anticipated, students still think the program will succeed.

"Special interest groups have not necessarily failed, they just haven't got off of the ground," sophomore Erin Stills said.

Paleontologist Paul Sereno

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Campus Connection

New Web sites offer students a chance to get, and stay, connected

DeANN THOMAS
Contributor

Over the summer, Harding joined the growing list of more than 1,000 college campuses across the country to become part of the Campus Pipeline network.

The address is cpweb.harding.edu. Campus Pipeline is a Web site that combines e-mail, scheduling and other functions on one Web site for students and faculty to be able to access information on and off campus.

"Campus Pipeline is actually part of a bigger picture of what we're trying to do to upgrade technology here," Keith Cronk, vice-president for Information Technology, said. "It's a portal with a single sign-on to all of Harding's systems."

Campus Pipeline offers a wide variety of services, including group postings, calendars and course

postings. The groups sections allows organizations on campus to share a system for e-mailing, chat rooms, message boards, calendars, news and photos and Internet links within the organization.

Delta Gamma Rho, a women's social club, has been using Campus Pipeline as a way to keep up with prayer requests, announcements and other club information since the beginning of the semester.

"So far use of Campus Pipeline has been very effective," President Lacey Berger said. "It's a great way to keep up communication within the club and make sure everyone is aware of everything the club is working on."

Campus Pipeline also offers a calendar function that can serve as a reminder for individuals and as a way of scheduling appointments. All users can check the availability of other users at a certain time by

checking their calendar. The user can then send the other person an invitation to schedule an appointment wherever nothing is scheduled. The calendar can be used to compare schedules when planning events.

In the "My Courses" section, there is a message board where students and professors can leave messages for each other. There is also a chat room created where people can meet to discuss class issues.

Campus Pipeline is also where all Harding students and faculty members can check their e-mail.

Use of the new e-mail system instead of Webmail has received mixed responses throughout the campus.

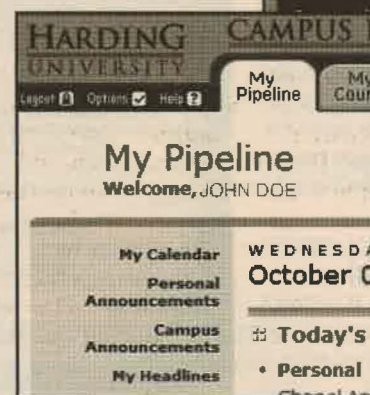
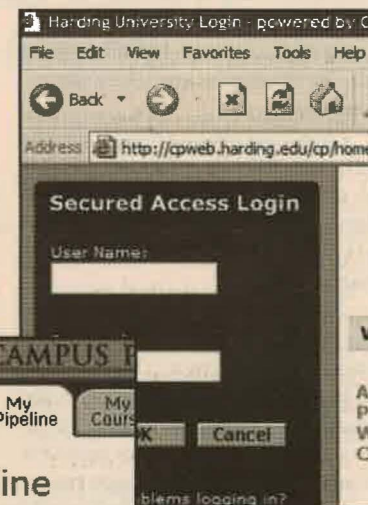
Some students don't like the e-mail system because it has a very plain interface and few features, according to Cronk. He said he has been talking to Campus Pipeline

about improving the interface of that system.

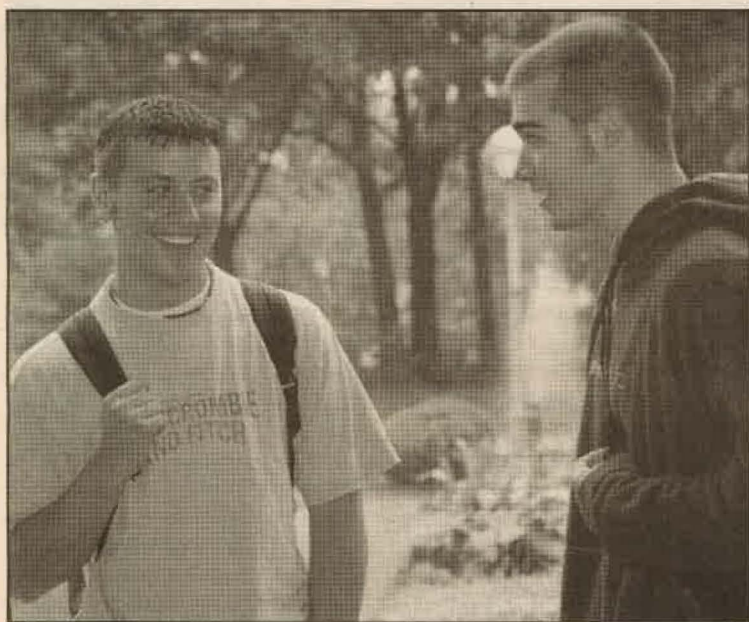
These are only some of the services offered by Campus Pipeline. Cronk said that more services will be added over the course of the next year.

Cronk estimates the system will be completely operative by Sept. 2003.

"It looks a little sparse now because there are a lot of functions that are not up yet," he said, "but more is getting developed as we go along."



Campus Pipeline offers students a secure way to connect with other students and stay abreast of campus events.



Senior Justin Spring chats with a friend between classes. Spring began the Huknow Web site with the intention of helping students stay in touch away from Harding.

Student-developed Web site provides information

JEROD NUNNALLY
Staff writer

There's a new Web address students might want to add to their list of favorites.

Huknow.com is a site created by Harding students that gives other students a way to find out someone's AOL screen name, e-mail address and other personal information.

The site was founded by senior marketing major Justin Spring.

"Last year, a friend of mine and I were talking and thought it would be cool to have a site for students to search and get AIM screen names, pictures and e-mail addresses other than Harding's," Spring said.

Spring said he and his friend never got around to making the site until a few weeks ago.

"I was sitting around on a Sunday afternoon with absolutely nothing to do, because homework is obviously always the last priority, so I started making the site and finished it by Wednesday," Spring said.

Huknow.com officially went online Sept. 22. As of press time, the site had 400 students listed. It is available for access by any Harding student. The site is not officially connected with the university.

In an effort to keep information secure from people outside the university, the site is password protected. Instructions on the homepage inform students how to obtain the password.

The site has costs associated with its production and maintenance, which Spring pays for.

"I have other sites that I have built for myself and other people and businesses, so I already pay for hosting services," Spring said. "So I just host it on that server and had the other guys on the front page [of the Web site] help me with it."

The staff for the site includes senior Jeff Grose, freshman Jeremy Hammett, senior Brooks Brown and freshman Billy Vasquez.

Many students find the site a helpful source of information that they cannot get anywhere else.

"I like the site, I think it's a neat way to find out other people's screen names that you normally wouldn't know," sophomore Sarah Farris said.

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She's no 'brat': Student runs in infamous race

COURTNEY FANT
Staff writer

Somewhere between the bottom of the sixth and top of the seventh, the race begins.

Fans cheer wildly in the stands.

As the competitors reach the finish line, the sweat rains down.

Its all over, and the bratwurst has won the day, beating out the hot dog by a link.

Left far behind in the dust is the Italian Sausage, also known as junior Veronica Piech, who, when not disguised as a sausage in the Milwaukee Brewers famed sausage race, is busy on the court as a member of Harding's volleyball team.

"The fans love the race," Piech said. "They look forward to it the whole game and even place bets on which sausage will win."

Piech spends her summer vacations as a ballgirl for the Milwaukee Brewers major league baseball team.

She has held the position

since she was sixteen, when she became the youngest ball girl to be hired by the Brewers.

"The people I work for are great," Piech said. "The atmosphere and environment is a lot of fun, so I'll stick with the job as long as I can."

Piech and her coworkers are primarily responsible for the foul balls hit during the games.

They also help during the pre-game warm up by doing anything from taking the national anthem singer to the field, to warming up outfielders of both teams.

"I've gotten to play catch with Sammy Sosa, Barry Bonds, Vladimir Guerrero and Greg Vaughn," Piech said. "I also met Hank Aaron and got his autograph on 'Turn Back the Clock Night.'"

Piech also had the opportunity to meet stars such as Coolio, Picabo Street, Howie Long and others during the 2001 All-Star Game.

Brewer ballgirls also get the

chance to hang out with the team in the dugout before the games.

"We talk a lot with the players about whatever is going on. We get to just shoot the breeze you could say," Piech said. "Most of the players are big kidders, so conversations rarely get serious."

Piech realized the extent of the team's teasing after an unfortunate incident at the ballpark that landed her on ESPN's "Sportscenter."

According to Piech, ball girls will occasionally get the opportunity to take a night off from the foul line and help with promotional activities during the game.

On one such night, Piech was scheduled to participate in the nightly sausage race.

Milwaukee is famous for their four sausages: the Bratwurst, the Italian, the Polish and the Hot Dog.

To celebrate this culinary pride, the Brewers host a life-size sausage race after the sixth inning of each home game.

"One night against the Houston Astros I was the Italian sausage in the race and there were about 27,000 on hand," Piech said. "I came out of the gate real strong and felt like it was going to be a great race until I was clipped from behind by the Polish."

"I proceeded to go down on all fours, but did manage to get up and finish the race. I knew I couldn't just lie there and have to be carried off the field."

"The Polish was real repentant about the whole thing, so there weren't any hard feelings. I still have the scars though and will definitely always have the memory."

Piech's unfortunate accident made her famous after repeated re-

plays of her blooper were shown on "Sportscenter."

"The next day I came in the ballpark and the players would not let me live it down," Piech said. "Everyone from the grounds crew to my boss made fun of me all night."

In spite of her mishap, Piech continues to love her job. Piech said the most enjoyable part of the job is working with her two younger sisters.

"My sister and I were the first sister / sis-

ter duo to work for the Brewers," Piech said. "Getting to spend time with my sisters while at work is a blast."

Piech feels this way despite the fact that her sister Lindsey, the hot dog, beat her in the race.

"I came out of the gate real strong and felt like it was going to be a good race until I was clipped from behind by the Polish."

Veronica Piech, junior

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Special to The Bison

Junior Veronica Piech, the Italian sausage on the right, stands with her mother and sister Lindsey, her hot dog nemesis in the sausage race she participated in as a ballgirl for the Milwaukee Brewers this summer.

The Bison in brief

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The Student Association is hosting Fall Fest in Kensett for the second consecutive year. Interested students are encouraged to go by the tables set up in the student center today for more information. Fall Fest is scheduled for Oct. 19 at Kensett Middle School from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Last year more than 150 Harding students participated in the event. For more information, contact John Hawkins at 305-8432.

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The Student Association Movie Committee will show "Lord of the Rings" in the Benson tonight and Saturday night at 8 p.m. instead of "Star Wars: Episode II," which was previously advertised.

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The Student Activities Committee will host a Spades tournament Oct. 18 in the student center beginning at 6 p.m. The cost is \$2 per person. Sign ups will be held in the student center starting Monday.

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The basketball season is close at hand. Monday the men's and women's basketball teams will host Midnight Madness in the Rhodes Field House. The festivities begin at 10 p.m.

Wireless wonderland

GARY LUNA
Staff writer

Cell phones. Good or bad? Once a trend, they are now a "necessity" for students and anyone else, for that matter. Towers have been erected all over the nation as the country goes wireless. Dozens of companies are vying for your signature on their contract and will offer you thousands of long distance and coverage plans to accomplish this. The cellular proliferation is in full stride.

The effects of this revolution have been felt at Harding as well.

Five years ago, the most popular way to call long distance on campus was by using Personal Access Code numbers, numbers students dial after their destination number that provides long distance service that Harding gets through a carrier at a discount.

While some students still use PAC numbers, the spread of cellular phones, calling cards and prepaid

long distance calling plans has caused the Harding Telephone Service to suffer along with many other providers of phone services throughout the nation.

"In January, Harding outsourced its telephone service to ECCI, a telephone company in

West Virginia," said Lora Fleener, director of Student Technology Services. "We did this because usage of HTS had dropped off so dramatically due to e-mails, chatting on line and cell phones.

"Students can still dial long distance with an authorization code, they would just need to contact ECCI," Fleener said. "We still have our service available and it's good service. Rates are now at 7.5 cents a minute. That is a flat rate at a good price. I use it."

E-mail, cellular phones, instant on-line chatting and calling cards are all some of the new ways people are using to stay in touch, and when new ways to communicate are being used, rest assured another one is being left behind.

"I used to use PAC numbers, but after a while it just was not convenient for me anymore," said sophomore Nick DeJoseph. "Now I have a cell phone that I use wherever I go. It's tight to tote it around when I need to."

Sophomore Sara Bukovatz owns a cell phone because of the nation wide calling plans that are provided.

"It's convenient because of the free long distance on nights and weekends and it allows me to have more freedom to go where I want to go, instead of having to be in my room or at a stationary phone," Bukovatz said.

Students say they recognize the good price that ECCI offers, but they also recognize that sometimes even cheaper price are offered by wireless companies.

"I usually just use my calling card," senior Heather Holland said. "I can buy minutes for half the price that I would pay [ECCI]. Who wouldn't want to save money?"



Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

- 1 Lamb's pen name
- 5 Knot lace
- 8 Maori seagoing canoe
- 12 Concentrated (abbr.)
- 13 Cheer
- 14 King killed by Samuel
- 15 Ger. exclamation
- 16 Malt liquor
- 17 Tibetan priest
- 18 Serpent worship
- 20 Helm
- 22 Old Irish counterfeit coin
- 23 Bustle
- 24 Marvel
- 28 Of the eye
- 32 One-spot
- 33 Tree
- 35 Amer. Cancer Society (abbr.)
- 36 Greek letter

- 39 Arp
- 42 Camel hair cloth
- 44 Science class
- 45 Evaluate
- 48 Plant filament
- 52 Legume
- 53 Warp yarn
- 55 S.A. toucan
- 56 Geological epoch
- 57 No (Scott.)
- 58 Included (abbr.)
- 59 Jack-in-the-pulpit
- 60 Pub fare
- 61 Blind in falconry

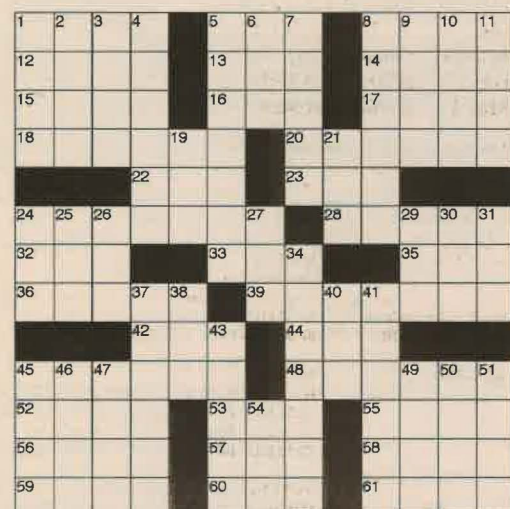
DOWN

- 1 Spoken alphabet letter
- 2 Circular turn
- 3 Move little by little
- 4 Canna plant
- 5 Tread
- 6 Mulberry of

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

BVI OLAF HIDE
EANT ELO EADS
SSE BACCHANTE
TALA NAIAD
ABD NEWEL
CASTENET RILE
ANT BELIE SIE
ASIN BARONESS
MACAW EEC
POACH ARAB
EUREKARED AAA
BRER RAMA CRT
BEVY EBON KPH

- India
- 7 Greek letter
- 8 Smash
- 9 Bedouin headband cord
- 10 Ridge created by a glacier
- 11 Seaweed
- 19 Skin vesicle
- 21 Artificial language
- 24 Brit. halfpenny
- 25 Amazon tributary
- 26 Rapid eye movement (abbr.)
- 27 Ancient times
- 29 Jap. porgy
- 30 Science of (suf.)
- 31 Central standard time (abbr.)
- 34 Drone (2 words)
- 37 Bacchante
- 38 Absolute (abbr.)
- 40 Arabic letter
- 41 Fortification of felled trees
- 43 Hindu prayer position
- 45 Father: Hebrew
- 46 Cauterize
- 47 Room (Sp.)
- 49 Accent
- 50 Lo (Lat.)
- 51 Bun
- 54 Formal dance (Fr.)



New CD is a head rush

Coldplay breathing new life into forgotten styles

CHRIS KEE
Contributor

In 2000, Coldplay delighted with its plaintive hit single "Yellow" and follow-up single "Trouble" from their debut album, "Parachutes." In the months that followed the album reached platinum status in sales and the band received numerous nominations, eventually winning a Grammy for Best Alternative Music Album.

While most bands would be happy to simply equal the musical and critical success of their debut album, the members of Coldplay set a higher standard for themselves. Under self-imposed pressure to expand on "Parachutes," Coldplay entered the studio to record their sophomore effort, "A Rush of Blood to the Head."

By taking a light years leap into the musical unknown, they vastly improve on their debut album. The album that emerges from this musical truth or dare is not only confident and beautiful, but also staggering in scope and execution.

"Rush" leads off with the hard rocking number "Politik." The hard jamming that introduces the track quickly fades to leave only singer Chris Martin alone with his piano as he sings/begs "Give me real/Don't give me fake."

The band is not afraid to show an unguarded, emotional side. Martin's soft, fragile pleas are book-ended by blunt edged

cacophony while he begs us "To open up our eyes." This guides us into the second track on the album, "In My Place."

"In My Place" was chosen as the first single off the album and it's an excellent choice since it successfully echoes "Yellow" in mood and sound while managing to be new and familiar at the same time.

On the third track, "God Put a Smile on Your Face," guitarist Jon Buckland effort-

lessly chan-

nels The

Church's

"Under the

Milky Way"

while Martin

sings, "Don't ever

say you're on your way

down / When God gave you

style and gave you grace / And put a

smile upon your face."

The heart-wrenching ballad, "The Scientist," follows and then gives way to the standout track "Clocks." "Clocks" features a lovely repeated piano hook that cascades over and over in un-

ending bliss. The sixth track, "Daylight," with its wobbly guitar intro, opens like a Middle Eastern version of "I Am the Walrus." Bassist Guy Berryman and drummer

Will Champion propel the song over an interesting, unconventional hook.

By the seventh track, Coldplay has left the Middle East and sat down in front of a campfire for the semi-acoustic sing-along "Green Eyes." "Warning Sign," a beautiful mid-tempo song about longing and forgiveness follows and features a lovely piano led coda.

For the next two tracks Coldplay nods their head to Pink Floyd with "A Whisper" and the title track, "A Rush of Blood to the Head." The album culminates in the very mellow

piano and harmony driven "Amsterdam," which ends with the haunting vocal, "Stood on the edge/tied to the noose / And you came along and you cut me loose."

Bristling with confidence, Coldplay has built this little masterpiece on their terms. For 54 minutes Coldplay thumbs its nose at their detractors and proves their initial success was not simply a fluke but a well-earned triumph. In a musical landscape currently awash in fleeting trends and mediocrity, this is one album that actually manages to surpass its own colossal hype.

Being a band that does not like to stare at their trophies and linger among their many accolades, Coldplay recently issued an edict that if the next album did not surpass all previous efforts then the band would dissolve. It would be a shame if this young band decided to quit while on the cusp of greatness. But if they can improve on "A Rush of Blood to the Head," the fans have an incredible third act awaiting them.



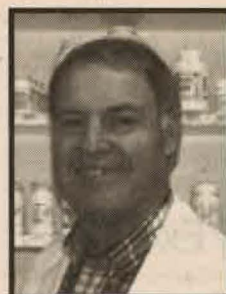
"Rush of Blood to the Head"



Track listing:

1. Politik
2. In My Place
3. God Put a Smile Upon Your Face
4. The Scientist
5. Clocks
6. Daylight
7. Green Eyes
8. Warning Sign
9. A Whisper
10. A Rush of Blood to the Head
11. Amsterdam

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Using the vast space of the Searcy Sports Complex as their practice area, the women's cross country team prepares for Saturday's Lake Hamilton Invitational. Sophomore Janet Kogo has won all three races the team has entered.

Two instate meets coming as CC preps for GSC event

GARY LUNA
Staff writer

The cross country teams are enjoying this season's success while preparing for Saturday's Lake Hamilton Invitational in Hot Springs and the Chili Pepper Invitational on Oct. 19 at the University of Arkansas.

While the Chili Pepper event annually attracts many top collegiate cross country teams, including Division I schools, the race in Hot Springs will be used as preparation, coach Steve Guymon said.

"Our race at Lake Hamilton is going to be a tune-up race to get ready for the Chili Pepper Invitational in Fayetteville," he said. "This is going to be a small race, but we are going to do the best we can."

Junior Scott Wietecha has his goals set for the Chili Pepper Invitational.

"It looks like we should be a top 5 [in Division II] team this year," Wietecha said. "The Chili Pepper race should give us a good idea of where we stand nationally. Individually I was off to a slow start at the beginning of this season, but I hope to have a peak performance at the Chili Pepper Invitational."

The men are ranked fifth nationally, while the women are 15th.

Cross country

Oct. 12 - Hot Springs
Lake Hamilton Invitational
Oct. 19 - Fayetteville
Chili Pepper Invitational
Nov. 2 - Huntsville, Ala.
Gulf South Conference
Nov. 9 - Huntsville, Ala.
NCAA South Regional
Nov. 23 - Ashland, Ohio
NCAA Division II
National Championship

"We are going in setting our goals [in comparison with] University of California-Davis," sophomore Reed Fisher said. "They are ranked No. 6, just below us, and, while we are at it, we want to beat many Division I teams also."

On the women's side, sophomore Janet Kogo is undefeated, winning all three races she has entered to lead the women this season.

"When I first took over this team, I knew I had a good team," Guymon said. "Now it is so enjoyable to sit back and watch them compete. We have been running very well so far."

'Madness' to combat mundane Mondays

With basketball season nearing, it's time to rouse the Rhodes Rowdies

Ryan Cook

Bleacher Bum

Get your vocal chords warmed up and try to grab some extra sleep this weekend, as Monday marks the return of an annual late-night event no self-respecting Harding sports fan would miss.

That's right, Midnight Madness, the annual party that marks the beginning of official practices for the basketball teams and offers the first sign that it's almost time for the Rhodes Rowdies to come out of hibernation for the winter, is just days away.

Doors open at 10:30 p.m., with events including social club contests and giveaways occupying the time until midnight, when the Lady Bisons and Bisons will be introduced and each play a brief intrasquad scrimmage.

"The fans have always been so great," men's basketball coach Jeff Morgan said. "There's a special connection between what's going on on the floor and in the stands. We're starting practice Monday, but they're starting, too."

Morgan said new Rhodes Rowdies T-shirts will go on sale for \$6 at the event. They're made to look like black jerseys, with gold lettering and the number 6 on the back to honor the Rowdies as the "sixth man."

With tipoff just more than a month away, here's a quick preview of the Bisons and Lady Bisons:

Men hope for return trip

The Bisons were 16-11 last season and earned their first berth in the Gulf South Conference Tournament. They have four starters back, but the one loss is a big one — Datron Wilson, who averaged 13 points and five rebounds per game and made 58 percent of his shots.

The Bisons start with an exhibition game Nov. 18 against the Ar-



JEFF MONTGOMERY / Harding Public Relations
The Rhodes Rowdies pour out of the bleachers to celebrate the Bisons' 79-76 victory Feb. 23 against Arkansas Tech. The win, in front of a school-record crowd of 3,245, propelled the Bisons into the Gulf South Conference Tournament.

kansas Angels, a team made up of former Division I players. After that, Morgan said the nonconference schedule is thin on home games.

"That really stinks," he said. "Next year, we have two full weeks [between Thanksgiving Break and final exams] and it will be back to normal."

Lady Bisons are young

Brad Francis' Lady Bisons, on the other hand, are facing big changes following a 10-16 campaign.

Just five players return, with six new faces on the roster. Five are freshmen; one is a junior transfer from Arkansas Tech — forward Tiffany Phillips.

I'll have more on both teams when the season gets closer.

UALR? Just kidding.

Remember the Bisons' scheduled game against Arkansas-Little Rock at Alltel Arena that I wrote a whole column about last month? Forget I said anything.

Due to a schedule change by UALR, the game is now set for Saturday, Jan. 4 — the weekend before registration. The change was caused by the Sun Belt Conference arranging for UALR to play Arkansas State on ESPN. The network wanted to televise the game on Feb. 3, forcing the Trojans to move their date with the Bisons.

Morgan said his reaction to the change is mixed.

"From one standpoint, I was glad because the other game was going to fall at the halfway point of conference play," he said. "We're disappointed that the game is not being played while the Rhodes Rowdies are around, though."

I encourage local Bison fans to make the easy trip to North Little Rock and be noisy enough to make up for those of us who can't make it back in time.

Quick pick

Being on the road will make it closer, but I'll take the football Bisons over West Georgia, 38-28.



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Nov. 18	Arkansas Angels (Exhibition Game; M)	Jan. 6	Williams Baptist (W)
Nov. 22	vs. Alabama-Huntsville at Montevallo (M)	Jan. 9	at Delta State*
Nov. 23	at Montevallo (M)	Jan. 11	Phillander Smith (M)
	at North Alabama (W)	Jan. 13	Arkansas-Monticello*
Nov. 25	at Lyon (W)	Jan. 16	Southern Arkansas*
Nov. 29	Texas A&M-Commerce (W)	Jan. 20	at Central Arkansas*
Nov. 30	Alabama-Huntsville (W)	Jan. 23	Christian Brothers*
Dec. 3	Arkansas Baptist (M)	Jan. 27	at Ouachita Baptist*
Dec. 6	Central Baptist (M)	Jan. 30	Arkansas Tech*
	Missouri-Rolla (W)	Feb. 1	at Henderson State*
Dec. 7	Montevallo (M)	Feb. 3	Central Baptist (W)
	Lyon (W)	Feb. 6	Delta State*
Dec. 14	at Southwest Baptist	Feb. 10	at Arkansas-Monticello*
Dec. 17	at Louisiana Tech (M)	Feb. 15	at Southern Arkansas*
Dec. 28	vs. West Alabama at Miss.-Women (W)	Feb. 17	Central Arkansas*
Dec. 29	vs. Ft. Valley State at West Florida (M)	Feb. 20	at Christian Brothers*
	at Mississippi University for Women (W)	Feb. 24	Ouachita Baptist*
Dec. 30	vs. Lane at West Florida (M)	Feb. 27	at Arkansas Tech*
Jan. 4	at Arkansas-Little Rock (M)	Mar. 1	Henderson State*

Notes: Home games in bold; All games are men's/women's doubleheaders unless marked M or W; Gulf South Conference games are marked with an *.

For the record

FOOTBALL (5-0, 3-0 GSC)
West Alabama 3 7 0 0 - 10
Harding 10 14 7 7 - 38
First Quarter
11:45 UWA - Ben Thoma 22 yd field goal, 10-35
2:23, UWA 3-0
9:43 HU - Coy Nance 45 yd field goal, 5-16 1:46,
Tied 3-3
6:50 HU - Nate Dutile 17 yd pass from Freddie
Langston (Nance kick), 6-53 2:16, UWA HU 10-3
Second Quarter
3:14 UWA - Bakari Bryant 31 yd pass from Brett
Gilliland (Thoma kick), 4-35 1:27, Tied 10-10
2:20 HU - Tiago Collins 8 yd pass from Dutile
(Nance kick), 3-68 0:41, HU 17-10
0:00 HU - Steven Murphy 59 yd pass from
Langston (Nance kick), 4-72 0:27, HU 24-10

Third Quarter
13:11 HU - Dontray Thomas 8 yd run (Nance
kick), 3-75 0:44, HU 31-10
Fourth Quarter
13:24 HU - Demarcus Calhoun 27 yd pass from
Langston (Nance kick), 10-86 3:38, HU 38-10
WOMEN'S SOCCER (4-8, 1-2 GSC)
Harding 0 1 - 1
Ouachita Baptist 0 0 - 0
86:00 HU Brooke Cockrell
Belhaven 1 1 - 2
Harding 0 1 - 1
32:31 BC Beth Hopkins Lisa Vidal
51:14 BC Beth Hopkins
73:06 HU Brittney Bennett B. Cockrell/L. Boren

MEN'S SOCCER (4-6-2, 0-1-1 GSC)
Harding 0 1 - 1
Ouachita Baptist 1 1 - 2
17:00 OBU Adeam Greene C. Leeder/M. Bentley
68:00 HU Ben Faris
87:00 OBU Ryan Spears
Belhaven 0 0 - 0
Harding 0 3 - 3
50:10 HU Brock Williams Zach Dameron
70:56 HU Ben Faris Brock Williams
73:12 HU Ben Faris Brock Williams
VOLLEYBALL (16-4, 5-0 GSC)
Harding 3, Henderson State 0 (30-21, 30-20, 30-22)
Harding 3, Arkansas Tech 2 (30-21, 26-30, 30-26,
26-30, 15-9)

No. 22 Bisons match best start ever

HU dominates West Alabama, faces long trip for Saturday game at West Georgia

RYAN COOK
Sports editor

After a 38-10 victory Saturday against West Alabama tied a school record for consecutive wins to start a season, the Bisons face their longest road trip of the season this weekend.

The team left at 7 a.m. today for Carrollton, Ga., where the Bisons will meet the West Georgia Braves (3-2, 1-2 GSC) in a Gulf South Conference contest Saturday at 1:30 p.m. CDT.

A win would keep the Bisons, ranked No. 22 in this week's American Football Coaches Association Division II poll, among the GSC elite and be Harding's first 6-0 start ever.

"They enjoy being undefeated, but dwelling on it won't get you anywhere but a loss," coach Randy Tribble said. "It's not going to get any easier."

The Braves will be looking for revenge after the Bisons knocked them out of playoff contention last season with a 43-31 upset at First Security Stadium.

GSC Football

Team	GSC	All
Central Arkansas	3-0	5-0
Harding	3-0	5-0
Valdosta State	3-0	5-0
Southern Arkansas	2-1	3-2
Ark.-Monticello	2-1	2-2
West Alabama	1-2	3-2
West Georgia	1-2	3-2
Ouachita Baptist	1-2	1-3
Delta State	1-2	1-4
Henderson State	1-2	1-4
Arkansas Tech	0-3	1-4
North Alabama	0-3	1-4

This week's games

No. 22 Harding at West Georgia
Ark.-Monticello at No. 2 Valdosta St.
Delta State at Arkansas Tech
Henderson State at West Alabama
North Alabama at Ouachita Baptist
No. 7 Central Ark. at Southern Ark.

"You hope the team is mature enough to deal with [the long trip]," Tribble said. "Playing on the road is always a challenge."

Things might get easier next weekend as the Bisons conclude a stretch with four out of five games

on the road with a trip to Arkadelphia on Oct. 19 to face Henderson State. The Reddies were 1-10 in 2001, including a 26-10 loss to Harding.

As has become tradition this fall, the Bisons started slow against West Alabama but dominated a majority of the game.

Two unusual scoring plays — a fullback pass from junior Nate Dutile to junior Santiago Collins 2:20 before halftime and an unlikely 59-yard catch by junior Steven Murphy on the final play of the first half — gave Harding a 24-10 edge and momentum for the second half.

"We got a lucky break right before the half that helped break their back," Tribble said. "We'll take [the lucky breaks]. We'll let this year be our lucky year."

Senior Tim Polk and freshman Scott Dutile each had nine tackles, while senior Tim Love had six solo tackles and two sacks to earn his second GSC Defensive Player of the Week honor of the season.



CHRISSY INGRAM / The Bison

Dropping back to throw, junior Freddie Langston looks downfield. Langston completed 16 of 23 passes for 246 yards and three touchdowns in the Bisons' 38-10 win against West Alabama. His pass efficiency is second best in the Gulf South Conference and ninth nationally in Division II.

Volleyball topples GSC powers

GRANT TONICK
Staff writer

Nearing the midpoint of the Gulf South Conference season, the Lady Bison volleyball team has won 14 of its last 16 matches and is 5-0 in league action after defeating conference powerhouses Arkansas Tech and Henderson State in the span of four days.

With only last-place Ouachita Baptist standing between his team and a perfect first half of GSC play, coach Keith Giboney is excited about his team's performance so far.

"Our goal is to get into the postseason," he said. "We've put ourselves in good position by starting 5-0. We're playing our best ball at the right time of year."

Before facing the Tigers at home Tuesday, the team will play four matches this weekend at the Henderson State Classic in Arkadelphia. The Lady Bisons will play Washburn, Mississippi University for Women, West Alabama and Alabama-Huntsville.

"This weekend will be really big for us," Giboney said. "We get a chance to play some regionally-ranked teams including Washburn, and they are tied with us for fourth [in the NCAA Division II South Central Region]. Beating them could really further secure our position in the regional rankings."

The Lady Bisons are proud of their regional ranking.

"We've surprised a lot of people this season, but we all knew that we could do it," junior Shaila Farley said. "We are really excited that we finally got the ranking we deserved, and we feel that we can back it up."

After Tuesday's match against OBU, the Lady Bisons will open the second half of GSC play next Friday at home against Christian Brothers.

Junior outside hitter Shaila Farley had 15 kills and 10 digs Tuesday to earn her tenth double-double of the season in leading Harding to a 30-21, 30-20, 30-22 sweep against Henderson State.

Giboney called the Lady Bisons' performance "nearly flawless."



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A trio of Lady Bisons — juniors Shaila Farley (2), Veronica Piech (11) and Amie Morrison — play defense during their 3-0 victory Tuesday against Henderson State at Rhodes Field House. The official attendance of 510 was the fourth largest volleyball crowd in Rhodes history.

GSC Volleyball Standings

EAST DIVISION			WEST DIVISION		
Team	GSC	All	Team	GSC	All
North Alabama	7-0	16-2	Harding	5-0	16-4
Alabama-Huntsville	7-1	9-11	Arkansas Tech	4-1	11-7
Valdosta State	4-4	10-6	Henderson State	3-1	10-9
West Alabama	4-4	12-8	Southern Arkansas	1-2	9-7
West Florida	4-4	9-8	Central Arkansas	1-3	5-9
Montevallo	4-5	9-12	Christian Brothers	1-4	7-9
Mississippi-Women	4-5	8-16	Ouachita Baptist	0-4	5-12
Lincoln Memorial	1-5	13-9			
West Georgia	0-7	1-24			

Top four in each division qualify for GSC Tournament. Standings include matches through Tuesday.

Sophomore Amie Morrison, the current GSC Defensive Player of the Week, led a strong defensive effort with 14 digs. She had 57 digs in wins versus Tech and Central Arkansas to grab the honor. Morrison is ranked 19th nationally in digs in Division II.

The Lady Bisons lead the GSC in team digs and opponent hitting percentage, while they're second only to North Alabama in assists and kills.

In Saturday's 3-2 victory at Arkansas Tech, junior Veronica Piech had a career-high 23 kills and 29 digs. It was Harding's first win at Russellville since joining the GSC in 2000.

"We didn't play as consistently as we would have liked, but the better team came out on top," Piech said. "It's our unity that gets us through these tight matches."

Harding considered softball, chose soccer

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When Harding was preparing to become a part of the Gulf South Conference several years ago, many, including those in the athletic department, thought men's soccer and women's softball would have to be added to the athletic program as a condition of membership.

The men's soccer team was added in 2000, but softball was not.

Athletic Director Greg Harnden said Harding learned later in the GSC membership process that adding softball would not be a stipulation.

"[The GSC] looked at how we could help the conference," Harnden said. "They needed us for football."

The conference needs a certain number of schools to participate in each sport so that there can be a conference champion, Harnden said.

The GSC had lost football-playing schools Tennessee-Martin, Troy State and Jacksonville State to Division I earlier in the 1990s, leaving the league with 10 football-playing members. When Harding and Ouachita Baptist University in Arkadelphia showed interest in the GSC, adding two schools with football programs was part of the reasoning.

However, the conference also needed more schools with men's soccer teams. Adding the soccer team was a definite requirement for both schools.

"At the beginning, we thought it would be a requirement to add all sports we didn't have," Harnden said. "Men's soccer and women's softball were the only sports Harding did not have that were played in the GSC."

"The conference took that requirement away because

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athletic director

there were enough schools already playing softball."

Fourteen of the 18 schools in the GSC have women's softball.

"So there was some truth to people saying we were going to add women's softball," Harnden said. "We might have added it if it had been required."

Some women even had softball practices when these rumors were circulating. Senior Courtney Fant was a freshman when she and other girls met for practices. They met a couple of times per week for several weeks.

"The practices were definitely student-initiated and student-led," Fant said. "But the older girls were trying to get an official team started."

Harnden said students organized the softball practices.

"Just like ultimate Frisbee and lacrosse, these girls were practicing independently of the athletic department," he said.

Several years before joining the GSC, Harding added women's soccer. Harnden said the university chose between soccer and softball.

"There seemed to be more interest in soccer than in softball," he said. "Generally, softball has regional interest while soccer has national and international interest."

Harding and OBU joined the GSC after three years in the Texas-dominated Lone Star Conference. The Bisons were part of the NAIA Arkansas Intercollegiate Conference from 1960 until, in 1994, it disbanded, in large part because most of its members moved up to the NCAA Division II GSC.